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SUBJ: SOVIET MEDIA REPORT CUBAN-AFRICAN STATEMENT

1. SUMMARY. IN THE FRANKEST TREATMENT OF THE CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA PRESENTED TO DATE IN SOVIET MEDIA, THE PRESS AND TELEVISION HAVE GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE STATEMENTS ON TOKYO BY CUBAN DEPUTY PREMIER RODREGUEZ. INCLUDED WERE HIS ADMISSION THAT CUBAN TROOPS WERE SENT TO ANGOLA AND HIS STATEMENT THAT RHODESIA WAS "DIFFERENT". END SUMMARY.

2. IZVESTIYA MAY 22 AND PRAVDA MAY 23 CARRY AN IDENTICAL TASS ITEM CITING RODRITUEZ. ADMISSION THAT "CUBAN FORCES" WERE SENT TO ANGOLA. (THE EVENING TELEVISION NEWS ON MAY 23 ALSO CARRIED THE REPORT.) THE CONTEXT OF RODRIGUEZ' STATEMENT, NOT SURPRISINGLY, WAS THAT CUBAN DECISION WAS IN RESPONSE TO A "REQUEST FROM THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA" FOR SUPPORT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION.

3. RODRIGUEZ. COMMENT ON RHODESIA WAS ALSO REPORTED: THAT ALTHOUGH CUBA IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE BLACK MAJORITY'S

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WISHES TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT THERE, "THE SITUATION BASICALLY DIFFERS FROM THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA". THE

LOCAL "REVOLUTIONARY FORCES" MAY SUCCEED BY THEMSELVES, AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT NEED FORCES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, SAID RODRIGUEZ. HE WAS FURTHER CITED AS SAYING THAT CUBA PROVIDED "TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS" TO VIETNAM, LAOS, TANZANIA AND ALGERIA.

4. ON RELATIONS WITH THE US, RODRIGUEZ REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR AN END TO THE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE. ALTHOUGH CUBA HAD MANAGED TO GET ALONG DESPITE IT, GENERAL INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY THE ENDING OF TENSIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN.

5. COMMENT. WHILE SOVIET MEDIA HAVE ALLUDED TO CUBAN MILITARY SUPPORT FOR ANGOLA, THIS ITEM IS THE MOST DIRECT STATEMENT WE HAVE NOTED ADMITTING DIRECT INVOLVEMENT BY CUBAN TROOPS. THE STATEMENT ON RHODESIA MAY ALSO BE INTENDED TO SHOW THAT FEARS OF A PERMANENT CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE RAMPAGING AROUND AFRICA ARE UNFOUNDED. HOWEVER, IT IS WORTH NOTING IN THIS REGARD THAT THE SOVIET PRESS OMITTED THAT PORTION OF RODRIGUEZ' REMARKS (REPORTED IN SOME WESTERN PRESS ACCOUNTS) TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CONDITIONS WHICH AROSE IN ANGOLA ARE NOT LIKELY TO ARISE AGAIN. RODRIGUEZ' COMMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ARE TYPICAL OF SOVIET TREATMENT, SHOWING CUBA AS THE AGGRIEVED PARTY, BUT WILLING TO SEE RELATIONS IMPROVED.
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